

Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
(1VAC30-45 and 1VAC30-46)

TRANSITION TO 2009 TNI STANDARDS

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1. To maintain its TNI accreditation body status, the Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) will have to adopt the 2009 TNI standards. To adopt the 2009 TNI standards, DCLS must revise the regulation for commercial environmental laboratories, 1VAC30-46.
2. DCLS has prepared proposed revisions to 1VAC30-46 that include the adoption of the 2009 TNI standards. These proposed revisions are undergoing executive review.
3. Noncommercial environmental laboratories are not currently required to meet the 2003 NELAC standards. DCLS will not propose that noncommercial laboratories under 1VAC30-45 meet the 2009 TNI Standards. The 2009 TNI standards incorporated by reference into a revised 1VAC30-46 may result however in less stringent requirements in some cases. DCLS plans to make parallel changes to 1VAC30-45 in these cases. These changes are being proposed in a separate rulemaking to revise 1VAC30-45. The proposed revisions to 1VAC30-45 are also undergoing executive review.
4. Following executive review the affected environmental laboratories will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to 1VAC30-45 and 1VAC30-46, as required by the Administrative Process Act (§2.2-4000 *et seq.* of the *Code of Virginia*).